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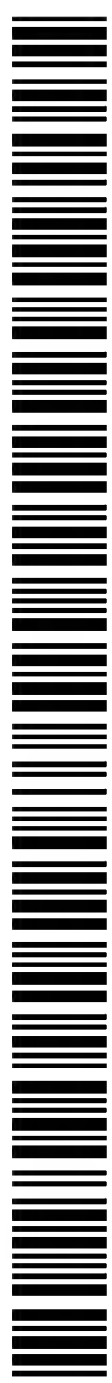
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(54) Title: PACKAGING DEVICE AND CONTAINER FOR SHEET OBJECTS

(57) Abstract: A device (1) packages a stack of sheet objects such as banknotes (2) in a container (4) sandwiched between a frame (6) and the device's main body (5). Banknotes are fed through a first input port (3) to be stacked in the container. A closure member (9) is inserted through a second input port (10) and heat-sealed onto the container (4) when full. The container (4) is integrally moulded in a plastics material with inwardly hinged wings (19,20) that act as guide rails (23) for banknotes as they are fed towards opening (11) of the container by a drive mechanism the packaging device. The wings have castellations (24) that act as a stop to hold edges of banknotes (29) in stacked in the container by the drive mechanism. A printer (51) prints data concerning the stacked banknotes on the underside of the closure member (9). The packaged container is opened by a device that compresses it so that the closure member (9) bursts along a line of weakness (53).



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